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Applicant: Philippe Berna
Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE.
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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In addition to the response of 2001, May 16 to the Office Action mailed 2001, March 16, please accept the further amendments for formal reasons:

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>

Please rewrite claims 17 and 18 in amended form:

17. (Three Times Amended, clean version) The method according to claim 16, wherein said support part has secured thereto a coupler which supports another support part, said another support part carrying at least one movable arm, said at least one movable arm having a said elastic buffer secured thereto at a distance from the another support part and a transverse hole through which said another support part is fitted, said method further comprising the steps of:
sliding in direction of said object and along said another support part said at least one movable arm supported on said another support part so as to apply the contact face of its elastic buffer against a respective surface of said object,
manually exerting pressure on the back of said at least one movable arm supported on said another support part, and
stopping the exertion of pressure when hands feel enough resistance, causing said at least one movable arm supported on said another support part to be repulsed by said object, and therefore to tilt with respect to said another support part, such that a frictional force is created between said another support part and an interior surface of the transverse hole of said at least one movable arm carried thereon, thereby locking said at least one movable arm in place with respect to said another support part.

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